

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, October 3, 1903, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Beinn Bhreagh, Victoria County, Cape Breton, N. S. Oct. 3rd 1903. My dear Alec:

I am disappointed not hearing from you by telegraph. The day has seemed very long, George and Mr. Mitchell came to lunch, and we discussed the Arts and Crafts prospect us. I believe in handicraft thoroughly myself. I think there is a place for it even today in the midst of all our manufactories, but I am not sure that I heartily endorse the prospect us. Anyway I think it might urge greater handwork without discussing whether machines degrade humanity, etc.

Daisy is very much interested-wants to start a store for the sale of home industrial goods. I feel as if she were trying all over again the experiments I failed in, but she may succeed. I always knew it was more the lack of personal initiative in me that made things fail.

I have rearranged my hall furniture, tell Mamma, she says I never keep my furniture the same way any time. This is an entire brand new arrangement, and I have really tried so many that I am surprised to have found a new combination, I think you will like the arrangement of lamps.

I shall telegraph tomorrow, I want to know how you are.

Your loving, Mabel. Davidson's flower bill against me for Sept. is \$33. and I guess it's moderate, he charges me with poppies at 15cts the dozen, and 8 dozen a day.